

ADVENT IV  
DECEMBER 22/23, A.+D. 2018



## **Welcome to Saint Paul Lutheran Church.**

As a member congregation of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, we are committed to the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are visiting with us this weekend, please sign our Record of Fellowship in each pew.

### **Serving this Week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:**

**Acolyte:** Marshall McCarthy

**Pastor** - The Reverend Jared Hartman

**Secretary** - Kim Cornett

**Saturday Night Virtual Organist** – Kim Cornett

**Sunday Morning Organist** – Cindy Bloedorn

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### **†About Communion at St. Paul: †**

The Lord's Table is open to all members of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. Oneness at Communion pre-supposes oneness in doctrine. However, if you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, please keep your hands folded and step up to the Pastor. Thank you for respecting our teachings. If you would like to learn more about communion at St. Paul, feel free to make an appointment with Pastor Hartman.

### **Our Liturgy and Hymns Today**

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- Opening Hymn:** #733 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”  
**Sermon Hymn:** #353 “Jesus Came, the Heavens, Adoring”  
**Communion Hymns:** #348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”  
#357 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
#345 “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”  
**Closing Hymn:** #336 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

### **The Sermon:**

Luke 1:39-45

**Prayer Requests:** Mr. & Mrs. Christian Schultz; Noah Schultz;

**Mission of the Month for December is direct support to Rev. David Preus and family in Dominican Republic. For more information please see the article in your December Newsletter.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Poinsettias may be brought** to the church anytime. Please sign your name and whether you will be picking them up. Thank you.
- **Choir practice** is Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the choir, please come and sing. Thank you.
- **If you would any announcements** in the bulletin, please have them emailed to the church on Wednesdays by noon. Thank you.
- **Just a Reminder:** Offering Envelops for Midweek (Advent) and Holiday (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve) go to Missions if not designated to something different.
- **Your new offering envelopes** are now available in front of the church office.
- **Today in Sunday School we celebrated Jesus Birthday by having party for Him.** The children had a short opening devotion and then head downstairs to assemble layette kits for the Orphan Grain Train. Funds for this service project were made available by a donation from St. Paul Youth Group (SPY) and Thrivent. The morning concluded with birthday cake!

**We would like to thank all of St. Paul Congregation members and their families for taking time to have their portraits taken for the new directory. We had an overwhelming response! Pictures will be arriving over Christmas Holiday! The church directory will arrive at a later date as we are still finalizing pictures and details!**

**Joey Wartig and Sandra Biermann.**

# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR LORD

Sunday, December 23, A.+D. 2018 – Sunday December 31, A.+D. 2018

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|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>12/23 Sun</b> | <b>10:30 AM</b>     | <b>Divine Service I</b>         |
| <b>12/24 Mon</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>      | <b>Christmas Eve Service</b>    |
| <b>12/25 Tue</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b>     | <b>Christmas Day Service</b>    |
| <b>12/26 Wed</b> | <b>4:00-9:00 PM</b> | <b>Hartman's Open House</b>     |
| <b>12/29 Sat</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>      | <b>Divine Service IV</b>        |
| <b>12/30 Sun</b> | <b>9:15 AM</b>      | <b>Bible Class for all ages</b> |
|                  | <b>10:30 AM</b>     | <b>Divine Service IV</b>        |
| <b>12/31 Mon</b> | <b>6:00 PM</b>      | <b>New Year's Eve Service</b>   |

**Acolyte:** Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: Braxton Siebrandt  
Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: Karl Steinmeyer

**Ushers:** Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: Lyle Roth and Curt Liermann  
Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: Wayne Heermann and Nate Raabe  
Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: Adam Ott and Layne Matthes

**Scripture Readings for the First Sunday of Christmas:**  
Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40  
The Lord bless your reading of His Word.



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Proclaiming Christ to Wisner and the World!